

House Resolution 1678

By: Representatives McKillip of the 115th, Hudson of the 124th, Heard of the 114th, and Smith of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and celebrating the 112th birthday of Dr. Leila Denmark; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Leila Denmark was born on February 1, 1898, in Portal, Georgia, the third
3 beloved child of 12; and
- 4 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree from Tift College and was the only woman to
5 graduate in the 1928 class at the Medical College of Georgia and stands as the third female
6 graduate of the school; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Dr. Denmark has been recognized as the oldest practicing pediatrician, retiring
8 at the age of 103, and is the tenth oldest American and the 24th oldest person in the world;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, she was united in love and marriage to John E. Denmark in 1928 and was
11 blessed with a remarkable daughter, Mary Hutcherson, and wonderful grandson, Dr. James
12 Hutcherson; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding she has demonstrated have provided
14 the foundation and framework of success in which her family members have developed and
15 flourished; and
- 16 WHEREAS, an accomplished physician, Dr. Denmark was a co-developer of the vaccine for
17 whooping cough and is a talented author; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Denmark is greatly admired and respected for her attention to her patients
19 needs and her ability to make others at ease; and
- 20 WHEREAS, she was a great asset to the medical profession in Georgia and has touched
21 countless lives throughout her prestigious career; and

22 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high
23 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens and she possesses the vast wisdom
24 which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved
25 through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

26 WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
27 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she has made of her life,
28 she makes this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she
29 be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in commending Dr. Leila Denmark on the occasion of her
32 112th birthday and wishing her many more years of happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Leila Denmark.